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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a 16-year employee in the technology field and user of Microsoft products and services, I am happy to see that Microsoft will not be broken up by the recent antitrust settlement with the Department of Justice. In fact, I believe that the case never should have been brought against them in the first place.

Over the last decade, Microsoft has done much for the IT industry and the American economy as a whole. They have created jobs, raised performance standards, and led innovation into the 21st century. While Microsoft should have been more open with some of its technology and systems, lawmakers and politicians have no right to penalize them for being the best. If anything, Microsoft should be applauded and given a degree of freedom to innovate.

During our current economic crisis, I believe politicians and lawmakers should be looking out for the best interest of American public by facilitating growth and development in business and not hindering it. They need to put aside their political differences and allow Microsoft and the IT industry to focus on business. I sincerely hope that no further litigation is brought against Microsoft in the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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